



# Parent/Student Water Conservation Indoor Use Checklist

Water conservation is an essential part of life in California. By using water responsibly, we can help make sure that there is enough clean, fresh water for everyone who needs it. Here's a fun family activity to see how water-wise you are around your home.

# 1

**Are your toilets leak-free?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Place about 10 drops of dye in the tank. After 10 minutes, check the bowl. If the water is clear, no leaks. If there is color, fix the leak ASAP. A leaking toilet can waste 30 to 3,000 gallons of water per day.



# 2

**Do you have a low-flow toilet?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

The most water-efficient toilets use only 1.28 gallons per flush. Replacing a pre-1994 toilet can save nearly 20 gallons per person per day.

# 3

**Do you take a short shower with a low-flow shower head?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

New shower devices use as little as 1.8 gallons of water per minute; older ones use nearly twice that much. Installing a low-flow shower head, and taking showers of five minutes or less, both save water.



# 4

**Are washing machines and dishwashers used only with full loads?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

By running full loads you save water AND energy.



# 5

**Do you turn off the water when rinsing vegetables, washing dishes, and brushing your teeth?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Partially filling the sink or only running the faucet when you need water can save gallons of water each day. Adding an aerator can save even more.



# 6

**Have you checked the faucets for leaks?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Repair leaks as soon as possible. Even small drips can add up to large losses over time.



# Parent/Student Water Conservation Outdoor Use Checklist

In California, the average family uses up to 60% of their water outdoors.  
Small changes can add up to big savings.

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Do you water your yard only when the plants really need it?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Check lawns and shrubs to see if they need water by digging a couple inches into the soil with a small shovel. Only water if the soil is dry.

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Have you planted drought-resistant trees and plants?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Drought-resistant plants add color, hardiness, and even habitat value to your yard, all while saving water and money.



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Have you checked your yard for leaks?

☐ Yes ☐ No

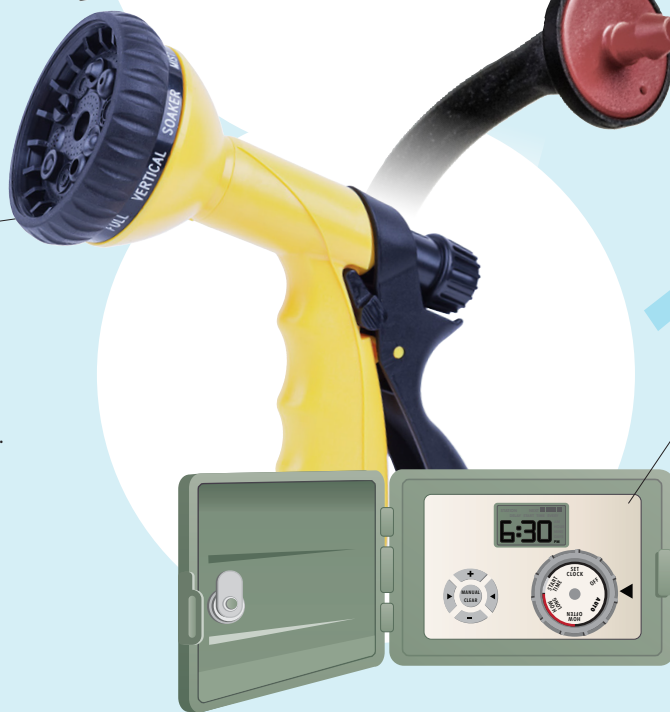
If you thought indoor leaks were bad...an outdoor leak can waste up to 6,000 gallons of water per month.

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Are your sprinklers set for before 10:00am or after 5:00pm?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Avoid watering during the hottest part of the day. The sun will cause much of the water to evaporate before the thirsty plants get a chance to use it.



We have reviewed these water saving tips and pledge to keep saving water.

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For more information on water conservation in your neighborhood, contact your local water agency.